

ment all you are doing is something which is really symbolic and which will reveal the racism in this state, so I don't care personally whether you pass it or not but I want you to have it crystal clear in your mind how what you are doing is interpreted. And some of you may try to do like Patrick Buchanan did when he wrote about the election in Chicago. He said, "Race is not the issue in Chicago it is just that Harold Washington is a dumb politician." That is the nonsensical type of thing that racism causes people to say because they are ashamed of the feelings that they honestly entertain but there are certain goals they want to achieve based on those feelings so they hide it behind a smoke screen. Well my job is not to blow smoke, but to blow the smoke away. I think what Senator Beutler is trying to do this morning, for whatever motives he has, is wrong and I oppose it strenuously. But for my purposes and what I want shown about the Legislature it might be best for you to go ahead and adopt his amendment, however, I will not vote for it myself.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Pirsch.

SENATOR PIRSCH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body, I object to Senator Chambers injecting racism in this. I know that it was not Senator Beutler's intention and certainly every time we look at these commissions and many have had objections to the commissions. Every year that I have been here there have been some type of problem with the control of a commission who perhaps we question the ability or the good that they do. And if you look in your books and look at all of the commissions, certainly this commission spends the most, does not serve the most people and also has an additional federal funds of \$249,857.00 that is added to the general fund appropriation. I support Senator Beutler's amendment and I certainly think you ought to look at it from the nonbiased, impartial review of commissions, what they do and how they do it. Thank you.

SENATOR LAMB: The Chair recognizes Senator Marsh.

SENATOR MARSH: Mr. Chairman and members of the legislative body, it is eleven o one as I start to speak. I want you to be aware this is not only a racist issue, it also is a sexist issue for whom is served by this commission? Primarily women, primarily the minorities, part segment of our state who have difficulties. Not all of the numbers, Senator Pirsch, show up as cases. Some of it is advising that does not show up in people served. Some of it is avoidance of court cases. Some of it is negotiation between an employer and an employee. But why is it necessary to have this commission? It is necessary to have this commission for we have state laws and we